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1. IN AUGUST 8 N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE DATED NEUBRANDENBURG,
JOHN VINOCUR CONTINUED TO ZERO IN ON NEGATIVE SIDE OF LIFE
IN GDR. ENTITLED "REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK: HOW EAST GERMANS
VIEW RUSSIANS", ARTICLE DWELLS ON PERVASIVE SOVIET PRESENCE
IN GDR AND ANTI-SOVIET ATTITUDES OF POPULATION BUT ALSO
TOUCHES UPON LACKADAISICAL WORK ETHIC COMMON IN EASTERN
EUROPE AND DANGERS OF CORRESPONDING WITH WESTERNERS.

2. CONCERNING HIS EXPERIENCE WITH HAUS FUER JOURNALISTISCHE
DIENSTLEISTUNGEN (REF A), VINOCUR HAD FOLLOWING TO SAY:
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BEGIN TEXT: WESTERN JOURNALISTS CANNOT TRAVEL ALONE IN
EAST GERMANY AND MUST PAY A LARGE FEE TO A "SERVICE
ORGANIZATION" THAT PROVIDES A "GUIDE" AND A PROMISE TO
ARRANGE INTERVIEWS.

"THREE AMERICANS TRAVELING TOGETHER WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A
MAN THEY CALLED "ICEBERG." HE WAS TALL, BLOND AND GRAVE,

AND WHEN HE SIGNED THE HOTEL REGISTER HE WROTE "JURIST" IN
THE SPACE FOR PROFESSION. ALTHOUGH THIS "GUIDE" COULDN'T
FIND AN ADDRESS IN LEIPZIG, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD
BE NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN ABOUT HOW HE WOULD ENFORCE COMMUNIST

LAW IF HE EVER MADE IT TO THE BENCH." END TEXT

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